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MEDIUM CONTAINING FLT3 LIGAND FOR CULTURING

HEMATOPOIETIC CELLS (as amended)

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION Submission

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

1. Introductory Remarks

Dear Sir:

Applicants thank the Examiner for the interview of October 19, 2004 and have amended the claims to accommodate the issues raised in that discussion.

In response to the Final Office Action, having a mailing date of April 21, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit a Request for Continued Examination and Submission. A Petition for a three-month extension of time and requisite fee are included. In view of the following amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the claims.